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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits a list of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. European Patent Publication No. EP 0 267 044 published by the EPO on May 11, 1988;
- B. German Patent Publication No. DE 40 03 578 published by German Patent Office on July 18, 1991;
- C. U.S. Patent No. 3,881,373 issued to Nakamura et al. on May 6, 1975;
- D. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 11-19344 published by the Japanese Patent Office on January 26, 1999;
- E. U.S. Patent No. 3,768,348 issued to Braun et al. on October 30, 1973;
- F. U.S. Patent No. 5,473,818 issued to Otsuka et al. on December 12, 1995; and
- G. Anonymous: "Vibratory shaver", Research Disclosure, Kenneth Mason Publications, Hampshire, GB, Vol. 405, No. 51, January 1998.

The above-listed prior art A-G are cited in the Search Report completed June 7, 2004 by the European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. EP 04 25 0964 which is a

counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

Though the prior art B and D are not in the English language, the Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of As and Xs and Ds along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for these non-English language prior art is satisfied and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein. In addition, the concise explanation of relevance of prior art D is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Nonetheless, an English language abstract of this prior art is attached to the copy thereof.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

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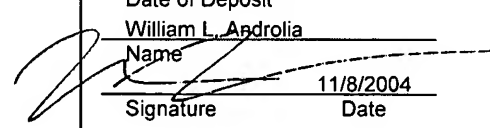
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